

**Supporting Statement
Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to CBP
Inspection and Permit
1651-0003**

A. Justification

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

19 U.S.C. 1552-1554 authorizes the movement of imported merchandise from the port of importation to another Customs and Border Protection (CBP) port prior to release of the merchandise from CBP custody. Forms 7512, "Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to CBP Inspection and Permit" and 7512A, "Continuation Sheet", allow CBP to exercise proper control over merchandise moving in-bond (merchandise that has not entered the commerce of the United States). These forms provide documentation that CBP uses for enforcement, targeting, and protection of revenue. Forms 7512 and 7512A collect information such as the names of the importer and consignee, a description of the imported merchandise, and the ports of lading and unloading. Use of these forms is provided for in 19 CFR 18.11, 19 CFR 18.20, 19 CFR 18.25, and 19 CFR 122.92.

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

CBP Forms 7512 and 7512A are used by carriers and brokers to serve as the manifest and transportation entry for cargo moving under bond within the United States. The data on the form is used by CBP to identify the carrier who initiated the bonded movement and to document merchandise moving in-bond. The ultimate use of the data is for protection of revenue.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

Forms 7512 and 7512A are filed electronically through the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) application called WP/QPA. It is not a web-based system. Approximately 5.4 million 7512s are filed per year, and of those, about 3.5 million

are filed electronically (65 percent). Forms 7512 and 7512A are fillable forms that can be found at <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/forms/>

4. **Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

This information is not duplicated in any other place or any other form.

5. **If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. **Describe consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

If this information was not collected, CBP would not be able to exercise proper control over merchandise moving in-bond and could not carry out its regulatory responsibility. The accurate and complete information provided on this form allows for better enforcement targeting. The Forms 7512 and 7512A help improve security and prevent the loss of revenue.

7. **Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:**

- requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;
- requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;
- requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;
- requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;
- in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;
- requiring the use of statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;
- that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or

- **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality.**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. **If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices published on July 27, 2010 (Volume 75, Page 43997) - no comments were received, and on October 1, 2010 (Volume 75, Page 60772) - no comments have been received.

9. **Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.

10. **Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

There are no assurances of confidentiality provided to the respondents of this information collection.

11. **Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.

INFORMATION COLLECTION	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
Forms 7512 and 7512A	896,400	6,200	871	5,400,001	10 minutes (.166 hours)

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$17,928,000. This is based on the estimated burden hours (896,400) multiplied (x) the average hourly rate (\$20.00).

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information.

There are no record keeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government associated with the review of these records is **\$37,648,807**. This is based on the number of responses (5,400,001) that must be reviewed (x) the time to review and process each response (.166 hours) = 896,400 hours (x) the average hourly rate (\$42.00) = \$37,648,807.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 12 or 13.

This ICR reflects a decrease in the burden hours resulting from updated estimates by CBP. There is no change to the information being collected.

16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation, and publication.

This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

- 17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date, explain the reasons that displaying the expiration date would be inappropriate.**

CBP will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

- 18. “Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions.”**

CBP does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

No statistical methods were employed.